During a number of his journeys on the open seas, "Leif the Lucky" explored portions of North America. Many others eventually followed in his wake, hoping to see for themselves the rich and beautiful territories he had called Helluland, Vinland, and Markland.

Since Leif Erikson first set foot on the North American continent, generations of Nordic men and women have come to the United States, bringing with them the wealth of their unique cultural heritage. Over the years immigrants from Iceland, Greenland, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, and Finland have greatly enriched our country and added their own chapters to the ever-unfolding story of America's development.

Each October 9, as we remember Leif Erikson, the bold Son of Iceland and Grandson of Norway, we also celebrate our Nation's magnificent Nordic heritage. This daring navigator with a missionary zeal, whose name is so often associated with images of adventure and romance, is also a beloved symbol of the deep and enduring ties between the people of the United States and our friends in all the Nordic countries.

In honor of Leif Erikson and our Nordic American heritage, the Congress, by joint resolution approved on September 2, 1964 (78 Stat. 849, 36 U.S.C. 169c), has authorized and requested the President to proclaim October 9 of each year as "Leif Erikson Day."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim October 9, 1990, as Leif Erikson Day, and I direct the appropriate government officials to display the flag of the United States on all government buildings on that day. I also encourage the people of the United States to observe this occasion by learning more about our rich Nordic American heritage and the early history of our continent.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twentieth day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6184 of September 20, 1990

Emergency Medical Services Week, 1990

By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

Each day, members of our Nation's emergency medical services (EMS) teams help to save lives. Providing swift, specialized care for seriously ill or injured persons—at all hours of the day or night and often while enduring difficult and even hazardous conditions—emergency medical personnel demonstrate daily the depth of their bravery, dedication, and compassion.

At some time in our lives, most of us will witness or even benefit from the extraordinary efforts of EMS personnel in the wake of a motor vehicle collision, an industrial or household accident, sudden illness, or
natural disaster. Medical emergencies arise from many such sources, but emergency medical care is always a team effort. From the paramedics and emergency medical technicians who provide immediate care at the scene of a crisis to the physicians, nurses, and technical specialists who offer emergency care in the hospital setting, thousands of hardworking, highly skilled men and women labor together to ensure the success of our Nation's emergency medical services systems. The unsung heroes of our Nation's EMS teams include dispatchers and other communications specialists, transport personnel who move patients quickly to medical centers for treatment, administrators, and educators who provide training in emergency skills and accident prevention.

Whether full-time workers or volunteers, the dedicated men and women who serve their communities as members of EMS teams deserve the highest recognition and praise. This week, we applaud their lifesaving efforts in emergency care and accident prevention and express our determination to cooperate with them in building a safer, healthier America.

The Congress, by House Joint Resolution 568, has designated the week beginning September 16, 1990, as "Emergency Medical Services Week" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning September 16, 1990, as Emergency Medical Services Week. I call upon all Americans to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twentieth day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6185 of September 24, 1990

National School Lunch Week, 1990

By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

Established less than half a century ago, the National School Lunch Program has become the mainstay of the United States' Child Nutrition programs. The National School Lunch Act of 1946 underscored the depth of our concern for our youngest and most vulnerable citizens. It also declared it to be our policy "as a measure of national security, to safeguard the health and well-being of the Nation's children and to encourage the domestic consumption of nutritious agricultural commodities and other food."

When he signed the National School Lunch Act on June 4, 1946, President Truman observed that, "in the long view, no nation is any healthier than its children or more prosperous than its farmers." By promoting